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SUBJECT: UNESCO DRUG ABUSE PROGRAMS

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1. PERMDEL INFORMED BY UNESCO SECRETARIAT (FRIDERICH)  
THAT FOLLOWING UNESCO DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMS WILL BE  
PROVIDED UNDER APPROVED REGULAR UNESCO BUDGET:

(A) UNESCO WILL SPONSOR A MEETING OF TEN SOUTH ASIAN  
COUNTRIES, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER OR DECEM-  
BER 1977, IN MALAYSIA (SEC. 1084, 19C/5);

(B) THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF DRUG CONTROL AND  
ABUSE EXPERTS FROM FRENCH-SPEAKING INDUSTRIALIZED COUN-  
TRIES HELD IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE, 20-26 AUGUST 1977.

UNESCO WILL PROVIDE ONE EXPERT (SEC. 1085, 19C/5);

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(C) THERE WILL BE A MEETING ON EVALUATION OF DRUG  
PROGRAMS TENTATIVELY TO BE HELD IN COPENHAGEN IN SEPTEM-  
BER 1977 (FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE POUCHED AS RE-  
CEIVED (SEC. 1085, 19 C/5).

2. PERMDEL IS IFNORMED THAT AFTER THE ABOVE-LISTED  
PROJECTS THERE WILL ONLY BE ABOUT \$6.000 REMAINING FOR

1977 REGULAR BUDGET PROJECTS.

3. FOLLOWING PROGRAMS WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH UNESCO UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL FOR WHICH UNESCO HAS ONLY RECENTLY RECEIVED A FIRST ALLOCATION FROM THE FUND OF -\$110,000.

(I) A WORKSHOP WILL BE ORGANIZED FOR EXPERTS IN FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICAN NATIONS TO PREPARE CURRICULUM MATERIALS ON DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (SEC. 1085, PARAGRAPH 2, 19 C/5);

(II) FIVE FELLOWSHIPS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE SOUTH EAST ASIA MEETING, MENTIONED IN PARA. 1 (A) ABOVE, HAVE BEEN PROVIDED. (SEC. 1086, PARA 4, 19 C/5);

(III) TWO WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD IN CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN REGION, ONE FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING NATIONS AND THE OTHER FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING NATIONS. THESE WORKSHOPS WILL PREPARE DRUG ABUSE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS APPROPRIATE TO EACH OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONS PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS (SEC. 1086, PARA 5, 19 C/5);

(IV) THERE IS AN ON-GOING SECONDARY SCHOOL PROJECT BEING DONE IN ARGENTINE ON DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROL EDUCATION (SEC. 1086, PARA 5, 19 C/5).

4. FANY FURTHER UNESCO EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THIS AREA WILL BE DONE ACCORDING TO PLAN OUTLINED IN 19 C/5. UNESCO COULD PROVIDE OTHER PROGRAMS ONLY IF THEY RECEIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUNDS FROM EXTRA-BUDGETARY SOURCES SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED FOR PARTICULAR DRUG EDUCATION PROJECTS.

5. COMMENT: THE UNESCO DRUG ABUSE CONTROL EDUCATION PROGRAMS HAVE ONLY BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 1973. FIRST TWO YEARS OF PROGRAMS WERE START-UP PROJECTS AND FUNDING LEVELS WERE VERY LOW. CURRENTLY THESE PROGRAMS SUFFER FROM A LACK OF INTEGRATION INTO THE REGULAR UNESCO EDUCATION SECTOR AND VERY POOR VISIBILITY, BOTH IN SECRETARIAT AND AMONG MEMBER STATES. IF IT IS A QUESTION OF WHETHER UNESCO IS A VIABLE VEHICLE FOR THESE KINDS OF PROGRAMS THEN PERMDEL FEELS STRONGLY AFFIRMATIVE. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT CURRENT PROGRAMS SUFFER MAINLY FROM NEGLECT AND LACK OF SUPPORT AND NOT FROM A LACK OF EXPERTISE. IF WE DESIRE TO MAXIMIZE EXISTING POTENTIAL AND DEVELOP THIS AREA OF UNESCO PROGRAMS, THEN A STRONG PRESENTATION SHOULD BE MADE AT COMING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING. FOR SUCH AN INITIATIVE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, PERMDEL BELIEVES US INPUT SHOULD REACH PARIS NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1.

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